



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON
DISABILITIES
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM 374A
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012
<http://laccod.org>**

Wednesday, March 19, 2014

1:00 PM

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (14-1458)

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Call to Order. (14-1277)

President Janet A. Neal called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

Present: President Janet A. Neal, 2nd Vice Chairperson John B. Troost, Treasurer Wendy Welt Narro, Commissioner Edward A. Colley, Commissioner John R. James, Commissioner Alexia Teran and Commissioner Sheila D. Wright

Absent: Commissioner Maria Mustelier-Parrish

Excused: Vice President Winslow C. Reitnouer, Commissioner Michael Gureckas, Commissioner Steve Miller, Commissioner Kecia Brooke Weller and Commissioner Wan Chun Chang

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

1. Approval of Minutes from the meeting of February 19, 2014. (14-1283)

On motion of Commissioner Wendy Welt Narro, seconded by 2nd Vice President John B. Troost, this item was approved.

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2. Discussion and approval of Nomination Committee for 2014. (14-1293)

On motion of Commissioner Wendy Welt Narro, seconded by 2nd Vice President John B. Troost, Commissioner John James was appointed to Chair the Nomination Committee.

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3. Discussion and approval to purchase refreshments for the 2014 Installation of Officers, in an amount not to exceed \$250. (14-1300)

On motion of Commissioner Wendy Welt Narro, seconded by Commissioner John James, this item was approved.

4. Discussion and approval to purchase refreshments for the 2014 Scholarship Program Reception, in an amount not to exceed \$500. (14-1301)

On motion of Commissioner Wendy Welt Narro, seconded by 2nd Vice President John B. Troost, this item was approved.

5. Discussion and approval to purchase refreshments for the 2014 End of Year Open House, in an amount not to exceed \$250. (14-1303)

On motion of Commissioner Wendy Welt Narro, seconded by Commissioner Alexia Teran, this item was approved.

6. Discussion and approval of a new Commission on Disabilities' scholarship category entitled, the "Ruben Anthony Rios Creative Arts & Design Scholarship." (14-1304)

On motion of Commissioner Wendy Welt Narro, seconded by Commissioner John James, this item was approved.

II. REPORTS

7. President's Report for March 2014. (14-1271)

President Janet A. Neal reported that the Disability Network had Tom Cavagnero, Internal Revenue Service Specialist (IRS), as a guest speaker. She plans to invite Mr. Cavagnero to speak at a future Commission on Disabilities meeting.

8. Monthly Report by Standing Committees:

- Education - Troost(Chair), James, Neal
- Events - Neal (Chair), Troost, Reitnouer, Teran, Wright
- Housing and Social Services - Welt Narro (Chair), Teran
- Transportation - Neal (Chair), Reitnouer, Troost, Teran, Neal (14-1272)

- **Education**

The Education Committee did not meet in March.

- **Events**

Chair Janet A. Neal reported that the proposed Access Awards Luncheon event is tentatively scheduled to be held on October 20, 2014. There will be 600 tickets to sell. She encouraged Commissioners to sell tickets for the upcoming event.

Commissioner Sheila Wright addressed this item.

- **Housing and Social Services**

Chair Wendy Welt Narro provided an overview of the Housing and Social Services Committee.

Reverend William Yarroll II addressed the Commission regarding organ transplant waiting list for the disabled without permanent housing.

Commissioner Edward A. Colley commented on this item.

- **Transportation**

Chair Janet A. Neal reported that the Transportation Committee will focus on sidewalks, blue curbs, and gas refueling issues.

Commissioner Alexia Teran commented on this item.

Dr. Genevieve Clavreul, a member of the public, addressed the Commission regarding Pasadena City College parking issue. She will provide pictures to the Chair as reference. Chair Janet A. Neal offered to contact someone to address Dr. Clavreul's concerns.

Linda Block and Daniel Garcia, also members of the public, addressed the Commission on this item.

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- 9. Monthly Staff Report by Emma De Jesus. (14-1278)**

Emma De Jesus, Commission Services staff, reminded Commissioners that mandatory trainings are available online. Those Commissioners who do not have computer access can contact staff to schedule an appointment with the Executive Office Human Resources for usage of computers located at the Customer Service Center of the Executive Office of the Board of Supervisors.

Following discussion, and by Common Consent, there being no objection, this item was filed.

- 10. Report on Access Services, Incorporated's monthly Board meeting by 2nd Vice President John B. Troost. (14-1279)**

Commissioner Wendy Welt Narro read the Access Services, Incorporated (ASI) Board Report on behalf of 2nd Vice President John B. Troost. The ASI Board Meetings were held on March 10, 17 and 18, 2014 at the main office in El Monte, California.

Following discussion, and by Common Consent, there being no objection, this item was filed.

- 11. Monthly Report by Louis Burns, Access Services Customer Support Administrator, Access Services Inc. (14-1280)**

Louis Burns, Access Services Customer Support Administrator, Access Services Inc., announced that there will be a change in location for the August 2014 Community meeting. He will report back to the Commission about the venue.

President Janet A. Neal and Commissioner Teran commented on this item.

Daniel Garcia, a member of the public, addressed the Commission.

Louis Burns responded to questions posed by the Commission and Daniel Garcia, a member of the public.

After discussion, and by Common Consent, there being no objection, this item was filed.

- 12.** Monthly Report presented by Jess Segovia, ADA Manager, and Giovanna Gogreve, ADA Para-transit Program Administrator for the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority and follow-up report on notices of bus lines changes, as submitted by Commissioner Ed Colley at the meeting of February 19, 2014. (14-1281)

Giovanna Gogreve, ADA Para transit Program Administrator for the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (METRO), reported on notices of bus line changes by introducing METRO speakers Scott Page and Israel Marin. Mr. Page of METRO's Service Development and Mr. Marin of METRO's Service Compliance Department reported that there were public hearings held at the Service Council areas regarding procedures on bus line changes. METRO representatives provided the Commission with the Board of Directors Guidelines on changes of bus lines and shared a brochure relating to the public hearings. After the public hearings, the proposed changes are reviewed by METRO, they will go to the Service Councils for final approval. Once approved, service implementation notices are placed on buses.

Commissioner Edward A. Colley suggested METRO review the service areas that are being affected, such as Regional Centers to fully serve their clients. President Janet A. Neal suggested utilizing the Disability Network to inform the public of any future bus line changes.

Commissioners Alexia Teran and John James commented on this issue.

Members of the public, Genevieve Clavreul and Daniel Garcia also commented on this issue.

President Janet A. Neal thanked Mr. Page and Mr. Marin for their informative report.

After discussion, and by Common Consent, there being no objection, this item was filed.

(Commissioner Sheila Wright left the meeting.)

III. PRESENTATION

13. Report by Robert Case, Director for Metrolink Fare Collection Services, on its rider Personal Care Attendant (PCA) cost as submitted by Commissioner Ed Colley at the meeting of February 19, 2014.
(14-0960)

Russell Case, Director for Metrolink Fare Collection Services, and Scott Johnson, Metrolink Public Affairs Officer, reported on the rider Personal Care Attendant (PCA) cost. The newly adopted fare policy is on hold pending public outreach feedback from the disabled community. Several responses from constituents state financial hardships, and MetroLink is seeking additional feedback prior to implementation of the fare policy for PCAs.

President Janet A. Neal suggested utilizing the Disability Network to inform the public of any changes from Metrolink. Commissioner Edward A. Colley commented on the misuse of the Metrolink free fare program.

Commissioner Edward Colley recommended Metrolink adopt a position to continue to provide disabled Metrolink users the opportunity to choose the PCA without additional cost.

Ms. De Jesus, Commission Services, addressed the Commission noting the lack of a quorum and that no action by the Commission can be taken unless a quorum is reestablished. Commissioner Edward A. Colley recommended to ratify this issue at the next meeting.

Commissioner Alexia Teran commented on this item.

Daniel Garcia, a member of the public addressed the Commission.

President Janet A. Neal thanked Mr. Case and Mr. Johnson for their informative presentation.

After discussion, this item was filed without any action due to lack of a quorum.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

14. Commissioner Announcements. (14-1276)

Kathleen Austria of the Second District was recognized by 2nd Vice President John B. Troost.

Matters Not Posted

15. Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting of the Committee, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action arose subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (14-1275)

There were no matters to be presented for a future agenda.

Public Comment

16. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (14-1274)

David Chiono addressed the Commission on the Social Security System.

Mr. Chanh addressed the Commission to announce that April 11-12, 2014 is the 8th Annual Tools for Transformation presentation with free lunch.

Linda Block addressed the Commission on the direct deposit of her Social Security Insurance check during an emergency and the potential to not be able to withdraw money.

Daniel Garcia addressed the Commission announcing he would be running for a City Council position.

After discussion, this item was filed without any action due to lack of a quorum.

Adjournment

17. Adjournment of the March 19, 2014 meeting. (14-1273)

The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.